

Negotiating Needy People

*"EGR's: Extra Grace Required", Part 1 of 5
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3) Pay close attention to THEIR ACTIONS not just their words.

***Remember the communication rules:**

38% of communication is voice quality, volume, modulation.

7% of our communication is words.

55% of our communication is body language.

I) HOW TO SPOT THE EMOTIONALLY NEEDY

1) They are always walking the tight rope of life making them EXTREMELY INSECURE.

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36, NIV)

2) They are always the star in their own performance making them DRAMA QUEENS OR KINGS.

3) They are always talking loud and saying nothing making them LOVERS OF THEIR OWN VOICE.

"But no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison." (James 3:8, NIV)

4) Set and keep healthy TIME & RESOURCE BOUNDARIES.

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: 'Everyone is looking for you!'" (Mark 1:35-37, NIV)

5) Get out of the way and allow them to FACE THEIR OWN consequences.

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Galatians 6:7, NIV)

III) HOW TO HELP THE EMOTIONALLY NEEDY

1) Cry out to the Lord in prayer and CAST ALL OF YOUR ISSUES on Him, because He really does love you.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7, NIV)

2) Know when to SAY AND TO HEAR the word "no".

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age." (Titus 2:11-12, NIV)

3) Seek the wisdom of godly COUNSELORS.

"Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed." (Proverbs 15:22, NIV)

II) HOW TO NEGOTIATE THE EMOTIONALLY NEEDY

1) Always proceed with EXTREME CAUTION; remember you do not have super powers.

2) Offer them what THEY NEED THE MOST and not what they want.

"Then Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.'" (Acts 3:6, NIV)